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E-LEARNING PROJECT IN SCHOOLS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government have launched a pilot `E-learning` project in 20 schools spread across seven districts of the country;

(b) if so, the salient features of the said project;

(c) if so, the financial benefit likely to accrue to these schools with the introduction of this facility; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SU THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a) and (b): The Department of Information Technology has formulated a specific programme `Vidya Vahini` for implementation during the Tenth Five Year Plan, to integrate internet tools and computer aided techniques into the learning environment.

To start with, a pilot project is being implemented in 7 districts, namely Kuppam (Andhra Pradesh), Gandhinagar (Gujarat), Hazaribagh (Jharkhand), South 24-Parganas (West Bengal), Parlivaijnath (Maharashtra), Lucknow and Allahabad (Uttar Pradesh).

Under this pilot project, 20 schools have been selected in each of the above districts and a t training lab is set up in each district to train the teachers. In each of the selected schools, a Server, 10 Multimedia PCs connected over Local Area Network

(LAN), a Network Printer, UPS, CVT29` Color TV and a VSAT is installed. Relevant Software such as Office Tools, Encyclopedia, Anti-Virus, Productivity Tools and some Course Curriculum has been installed in the PCs.

(c) and (d): Computer equipment worth 10 lakhs have been installed in each of the selected school. VSAT license fee of Rs. 25,000/- per school has been waived off. One-quarter transponder worth Rs.90 lakhs has been allocated for providing internet connectivity to the schools.